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SUCCESS FOR THE EXPOSITION. The \$37,000 of subscriptions secured at the Exposition meeting last night, made the gathering itself a gratifying success, and put the Exposition project fair on the

One of the promising features of the meetmerchants to join in the support of the project. The subscriptions of five thousand, one thousand, five hundred, and one hundred dollars, were all indicative of the readiness of the wealthiest as well as the small business men to furnish whatever funds are necessary.

There is still much work to be done in one will be inspired with faith in its com-

### WHAT WILL THE HOUSE DO!

The tariff bill was passed by the Senate whether the tariff dispute shall be settled without waiting another year. Of course, as the Senate bill in most respects represents compromise in conference committee. While | plied ten, twenty or even a hundredtold. both measures are open to criticism, the ma jority of the people who can view the subject free from partisanship will think it better for the country to have the matter ended, than to have the uncertainties prolonged for another year.

## SUBSTANTIAL PROOFS.

nues and Wood and Smithfield streets.

"booms." Here there has been no extrava- pass outside of the prohibited district. modate and invite business not yet in being, Pittsburg has simply moved under the lico, as it were, the sentence must be repressure of business already here. The garded as quite salty. large investments now under way on every ment as to future prospects.

direction. From all present signs it is safe abroad. to regard 1889 as opening with brightest outlook for this district of any year in our local

## THE MONONGAHELA CASE.

The argument on the condemnation of Lock No. 7 of the Monongahela Navigation Company's works, in the United States Circuit Court yesterday, opened up some very important issues, not only in connection with this immediate case, but with regard to the appropriation of any corporate property by the Government. The most prominent of these in the arguments was whether in the condemnation of corporate property, the payment must include, in addition to the value of the works, the value of the franchise, or in other words, for the earning power which the corporation has obtained by the public grants. The other one, which is less prominent at present, but which is likely to arise if it is held that the franchise must be paid tor, is how the damage to it is to be estimated, when it is left undisturbed on six other locks and dams, through which all the traffic from the property condemned must go and pay tolls " These are puzzling questions, and the pr .blie will await the final decision on them with great interest-even if the w aiting covers the term of years necessary to get a

# A RESULT OF THE AGREEMENT.

The failure of the stock mark et to re spond to the assurances of the P esident's agreement by which dividend, are to be injected into an immense am unt of watered stock, is generally const rued to indicate the lack of faith on the part of the public in the pledges of the part of the pledges of the part of the pledges of the part of t somethir g to do with it; but the developments which are gradually being made conour aing the Atchison stock, suggest another nfluence which throws a good deal of light on the railway policy.

It must be remembered that concurrently with the publication of the agreement, there was a unanimous announcement that railway stocks were to become very profitable property. All the railway authorities and entire press agreed to that, with a few chronically independent exceptions. But nothwithstanding the combined boosting, that remarkable provision excluding all stocks failed to go up, and the Atchison, new street car lines from Pittsburg, except Topeka and Santa Fe stocks developed by consent of the existing lines, gives the after a few days a decided disposition to go following statement as coming from him. down. The explanation of this is furnished "The bill was handed to me just a few modown. The explanation of this is furnished by the fact leaking out, that in pursuit of its ments before I presented it. I had no time imate 7,500,000 bales.

policy of pushing its lines ahead of development on the financial qualities of wind, that company has swollen its debt to \$70,000,000. and, in addition to the recent suspension of unearned dividends, now contemplates a deficit of some \$7,000,000.

This certainly is enough to account for the decline in values: but it does not make the connection with the great railway agreement quite clear, until we observe the reviews of the stock transactions, which point out that as soon after the agreement as the appearance of a bull movement could be worked up, some one commenced unloading that stock on the market. In a single hour of Tuesday of last week 92,000 shares were sold. There is no question but that the agreement was useful to the Atchison insiders in enabling them to dump-some \$10,-000,000 or \$15,000,000 of the stock they had made worthless on the market.

It is intimated that the agreement was not strong enough to enable all the steek to be unloaded, that the people wished to get rid of; but enough of it was done to make it a pertinent question whether the railway policy requires the Presidents to get up agreements in order to let wreckers unload worthless stocks on the confiding public?

### A SUFFICIENT EXPLANATION.

The intimations that the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of the Southside had been victimized by its former officers were given a substantial basis yesterday by the news road to an equally signal and manifold that a \$40,000 check was discovered, drawn more gratifying triumph over its difficulties. to the order of a Chicago grain broker, but not entered on the books of the bank. This ing was the disposition shown by all classes is accompanied by declarations on the part from the largest business men to the smaller of some of the Southside people, that the former cashier and his brother had been speculating in grain.

These statements, if accurate, furnish a full explanation of the failure of the bank. There has not been a bank failure for the past five years that was not caused by speculation, and the number of institutions that should be fiduciary, but have been beraising all the funds required; but with the | trayed by the speculators, is legion. It is start secured by the last two meetings every- thought strange that men holding such positions should violate the trust that is placed in them for the hope of making money by speculation. But when we reflect that the hope of speculation is to get the money of other people without yesterday by a strict party vote. The bur- giving a fair return for it, what wonder is it den now rests with the House of saving that men who are tempted by the glittering but deceptive prizes of that dishonesty this session, and the surplus, of which we should be led into berrowing the money heard so much about a year ago, reduced placed in their charge and which they always intend to return?

The wonder should rather be the other a wide variation in policy from the House way. It will be strange, when the temptabill, the lower branch cannot be expected to tions to speculation are present on every accept it entire; but it still has the responsi- side, and the great fortunes won by thimblebility of deciding whether it will kill tariff rigging the markets are dangled before all legislation by various pretexts of delay for eyes, if the ruin and loss to financial instithe six weeks that are left, or push it to a tutions and honest depositors is not multi-

### OF TIMELY INTEREST.

That the quality of Mercer justice in dealing with the liquor question is stern enough if it is possible to reach a fair compromise, to satisfy the most exacting may be inferred from the sentence of three months' imprisonment and \$500 fine yesterday imposed on a well-known Pittsburg druggist, Mr. Fleming, who was held guilty of breaking the Recent numerous transfers of large blocks | law by sending liquor to that prohibited disof Pittsburg real estate in the business part | trict C. O D. Had the customer paid for of the city show the faith of capitalists in the goods in Pittsburg when ordering them, buildings put up in the past few years are the sale then taking place here. The case to be followed by others on a still larger presents an awful warning to druggists and scale, particularly on Fifth and Penn ave- wholesale liquor dealers to be careful to see | fluid. that cash accompanies orders in transactions Thus events are shaping themselves in the | with local option counties; but that the terdirection foreseen and predicted fully by rors of such legal proceedings will be power-THE DISPATCH at various times in com- fully operative in the interests of temperparing the future of Pittsburg with that of ance is to be doubted. The buyer and seller other cities which until lately were making | will simply evade the legal penalties by more pretentious declarations of their having their agreement made and the money

gant bulling of property. Hardly a house It the exhilarating fluids which Mr. has changed hands on mere speculation. Fleming supplied to Mercer county were What has been bought and what has been intended for re-sale there in violation of the built has been in almost every instance law, or for general distribution in any to supply an actual and pressing need form, there might be good reason for the of business already existing. In place Bench exercising great severity. But if the of the erection of immense structures to acprivate consumption, and not pro bono pub-

The Supreme Court, it is announced, is to side are the outcome of no mere visionary have a say on the legal bearings of the fated expectation of "booms." They are under- C. O. D. arrangement. Meanwhile the taken in nearly every instance with reier- further development of the case in that hir ch ence to wants already felt. Thus they are and mighty tribunal of last resort will, be the most convincing evidence at once of the | watched with keen, almost painful, int great present prosperity and of experienced judg- by the people of the whole State, who, st would the Constitutional amendment pas; next The extension of the Vanderbilt interests June, will want to know under w hat safe and the promised early completion of the restrictions and commercial usages they South Penn road are also straws in the same | are thereafter to get their "wet go ods" from

## THE COMING QUESTION.

The vote on the joint resolution submitting the prohibition amendment to the vote of the people, in the Figure, yesterday, was as THE DISPATCH had predicted, a very strong one. It may be taken as a foregone conclusion that the vote in the Senate will also be decisive. While the question is not a party one, as has been said of late with regard to the adoption of the argendment by the people, that with regard to its submission has been made so much a party one, that the Senate will not to ke the responsibility of reversing the action taken by the

This leaves the quer tions with regard to the future of the ame adment, (1) what will be the result of the propular election; and (2) what will be the cor rse of legislation if the amendmer is ratified. The activity of some of the leade is in introducing amendment,s to the li cense law shows that there are, many aw,ong those voting for the amendment who do not believe that it will be ratified. If they thought prohibition would be the law of this State after next J une it is certain that they would not now be introducing license bills to become a dead letter before they were in full ruling on them from the United F states Su- | operation. Incir jungation anyone else; and operation. Their judgment may, however, the readers of THE DISPATCH will have an opportunity of judging for themselves from

> before the vote is taken, Should the amendment be adopted, it is tolerably clear that it cannot receive immediate enforcement without a session of the Legislature. But it may occur, in this connection, that the governing powers of Pennsylvania have displayed considerable skill at times, both in failing to pass legislation to enforce Constitutional provisions and in omitting to call extra sessions to supply needed legislation. There are a good many possibilities intervening between vesterday's vote and the entire extinction of the liquor traffic.

our special correspondence on the subject

## THEY SHOULD TAKE TIME.

An interview with Representative Lafferty, who introduced the bill containing to read it and consequently knew nothing of

its provisions." We have no doubt that Mr. Lafferty's statement is correct, and we have little doubt, also, from other indications, that the practice is becoming somewhat common for members to introduce bills which are handed to them by someone else, with a very slight knowledge of the provisions actually contained. This makes it pertinent to urge upon our lawmakers, not only the good policy, but the urgent duty of delaying the introduction of their bills until they know what is in them

Legislators are responsible to the whole State for the measures that they introduce. It would seem from the remarks of some of them that they regard themselves simply as messengers, not to say puppets, of some other persons, and that when they receive bills all they need to go is to perform the errand without troubling themselves to inquire into the character of the measure or to consider whether it is such as they approve or disapprove. Responsibility cannot be escaped in that way. If a member proposes a measure which will confiscate the property of all the private citizens in the State it is no excuse that the bill "was handed" to him and he "had not time to read it."

Members who understand the duties of legislation will take time to read their bills, and further than that will introduce no bills that they do not approve. The practice of proposing legislation on important matters just because some outside party tells you to, is quite susceptible of abuse.

MR. BLAINE voting the proxies of Barnum and Bayard at the meeting of the West Virginia Central Railroad, affords an evidence that in the corporate affiliations of statesmen party lines are not drawn.

THE report of a Pig Iron Trust need neither worry nor rejoice anyone. With a capacity of furnaces out of blast and ready to go in at any advance of prices, sufficient to increase the production fifty per cent., combination of that sort would be likely to break its own back at starting. When the Steel Beam Trust is going to pieces, the pig mpossible

THE African Arabs have long been noted as a trading people; and they are true to their character now in offering to trade risoners whom they have captured for poitions which they wish to hold.

COLONEL ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD, ex plaining how he publishes a horse racing olumn daily in his paper, in order to spread the evangelical work among the sporting men, is a sight calculated to provoke the laughter of gods and men.

THE reports that are being published from the Pittsburg railroads show a good business from this locality, however the other lines may have suffered from throat

AND now we hear of charges of bribery in onnection with that Minnesota Senatorial election. Is it possible that a Washburn had to demonstrate lais qualifications for Congressional bonors by coming down with the boodle?

Now that the Standard Oil Company has the growth of this place. The immense Mr. Fleming presumably would not be held. got the whole Lims oil field safely in its grasp, we may hear another tale about the merchantable character of that oderiferous THE news that old Lafayette Hall is to

be replaced by a modern business block foreshadows an improvement of our architecture, but with it the destruction of a place replete with remin iscences to the older Pittsburgers.

OVER all doubts and d'iscouragements the meaning of last night's meeting shines out to the effect that the Exposition must and shall be a big success.

MR's. RAWSON, from t he testimony in the last 'crial to which she is a party, appears to be s. very bad lot. Judging from the actions of the other people in the case it may a) so be suspected that the complaint is conagious.

THE Spottsville, Kentuc ky, bridge disaster only affords another example of the policy of settling business disputes by petty civil wars.

WHEN the Times' lawye rs attempt to im licate Archbishop Walsh in their work of attacking Parnell, some discreet friend should be at hand to warn them that they had got hold of the business end of a boomerang

## PUBLIC PEOPLE PARAGRAPHED.

THE wife and daughter of Mr. Halford, General Harrison's private secretary, are spend ing the winter in Florida, Miss Halford is oted as a singer. CAPTAIN WILLIAM S. /LDAMS, of Kingston who died not long ago, was a good friend of his calling, for he left \$125,000 to the Boston Marine Society and \$60,00 to the Boston Pilo

Society.

LADY SALISBURY and Lady Roseberry called at the residence of Mr. Phelps, the United States Minister, in Lown des Square, London, yesterday afternoon, and informally presented Mrs. Phelps with a superb bracelet.

Two of the young Africa n natives whom Cardinal Lavigerie sent to 1 lille, there to study medicine, have just obtained their degree of M. D., after passing their examination in brilliant manner. Their no mes are Frederick Mahomed and Vital Hames L.

HERR EUGEN RICHTER calculates, from re

cent military statistics, that Germany now has

at her disposal a war are sy of 3,513,416 completely drilled men, not counting those belonging to the reserves and the Landstrum, who are not drilled in time of peace. A MILLIONAIRE, named Tagliable, who died recently at Milan, bequeat hed the sum of 50,-000 francs to the street sw eepers of that town on condition that they would all go to his eral in their working clothes. In his youth

he had himself been a kni; tht of the broom and

THE Czar of Russia is an enormous eater. He considers three poun is of meat and two quarts of champagne a very light luncheon. His dinner would be suffic sent for three men of ordinary digestive ability. His insomnia is due ness to dieting. He smc-kes constantly, and altogether lives an existence which would kill any man devoid of an iron constitution.

THE Comts d'Oultrem out, an ex-officer of Chamber of Brussels, has prepared a carefully elaborated bill for the est abl versal obligatory service, by which the effective force of the Belgian army is to be carried in time of war to from 250,0 30 to 300,000 men (it is now about 130,000 men), without any increase of the military budget.

COUNT VON MOLTKE is particularly fond of music, and spends many an evening in the com-pany of his aid-de-camp, Captain von Moltke and his wife, who sing and play a greeably. He is also an excellent player at witist. He has plenty of bonhomie when he is in the presence of company, and is not at all the twitte or company, and is not at an ine their arm per-son frequently represented. He is an inveter-ate smoker, and enjoys his glass of beer. His handwriting is remarkably clear, considering his age, and by the few erasures made it is evident he gives everything careful thought be fore committing it to paper, and never writes a

This Year's Cotton Crop. CHARLESTON, S. C., January 22.-The News and Courier says the cotton crop of this year

### THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Woodpeckers, Sleighs, and a Little Heap of Very Conflicting Subjects Treated

ONE of the Superintendents of Construction the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company showed me the other day a section of a telegraph pole, which had been turned into the semblance of a pigeon-hole rack by the bills of thrifty woodpeckers on the line of the Cen tral Pacific. I had seen similar curiosities be-fore, but my friend of the Western Union told me something that was still more surprising.

"The woodpeckers," said he, "are just as troublesome in the South. They drill holes in the telegraph poles and everywhere else they can, fill up the cavities with acorns and the calmly wait till the embryo oaks decay and breed worms. The woodpeckers can see a long way ahead when they're preparing a feast of worms. This practice of the birds gives the Western Union a good deal of trouble, and there is no way to abate the nuisance. The woodpeckers would honeycomb the wooden truss bridges so common on Southern railroads were it not for the close watch kept over the bridges by men armed with shotguns." THE aspect of Wood street from Fifth ave

nue toward the Monongahela will be greatly changed. The wind storm of January 9 and what a jury has declared to be the negligence of certain builders, contractors et al., has wiped out a very squat and unbecoming row of houses. In their place big buildings worthier of this city and day will go up. Lafayette Hall, an ugly old barn in spite of its historic appendages, is to be razed to the ground an ts successor will be a far handsomer structure The rapidity with which Pittsburg is ex changing the short coats and knee pants of childhood for the costume of a matured city is amazing. It isn't safe for a man to leave the city for any length of time now, for in his ab-sence it may outgrow him and have no place

for him when he returns. "WHAT can I do for you to-day?" said the veryman with a wave of his right hand toward the sleigh department and of his left toward the rear of a highly decorated hearse. "I want a horse and sleigh," said the young

"All the horses are out except Polly-will she Young man remembers that Polly killed her man last week after a brief runaway, but with

a burst of bravery he says: "Hitch up Polly to

a sleigh-and when another horse comes in send the hearse along after us!" A Young sailor who sailed for Hayti on the iron industry is not likely to attempt the United States man of war Atlanta a few days ago, wrote to a relative in this city a very

ouching letter on the eve of his that is to say the letter was meant to be touch-After giving directions about the disposal of his worldly effects, in the event of his death at the hands of the Haytians or yellow jack, he wound up with the following appeal: "Please give my dog, Rope, to Ted Smith, and tell him to take care of him for my sake. I will let you know where you can send me that \$50 as soon

"Gor a frightful headache this morning, my dear," remarked Mr. Peetsberg to his wife at breakfast yesterday.
"Too much dinner at the club last night."

sagaciously responded his better half.
"Too much dinner? Why, I only had a few oysters, some roast turkey, an entree, et "I guess it wasn't the et certera so much as

the cætera you drauk!" was the terrible reply. AN ITALIAN laborer, who was at work in the

coke region, disagreed with his wife a few months ago and decided to leave her for a while and try his luck in Pittsburg. One day last week he received a letter from his sister, who lives with his wife, telling him that he was a father for the first time, and that his wife arnestly desired a reconciliation. He made up his mind to meet his wife's overtures for peace in a proper spirit, and started for the Union depot at once to take the train for his

home in the country.

After he had bought his ticket it occurred to him that it would be a good idea to send a telegram to his wife announcing his advent. He tried to send the telegram in Italian, but the receiving clerk wouldn't take it, so he com-pounded the following message in ill-spelled English: "Coming home next train; much obliged for the baby."

And this story is strictly and entirely true.

EXCLUDING THE AMERICAN FLAG. A School Board Refuses to Accept Banner

From a Secret Society. PITISTON, PA., January 22.—Washington Camp, No. 257, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, on January 4 made a proposition to the School Board of this place offering to defray the expenses of placing United States flags in all the schools of the city. The purpose of the offer was to inculcate patriotism in the minds of the young scholars and cause them to become familiar with the origin, history and

become familiar with the origin, history and meaning of the symbols. When the matter came to a vote the proposition was rejected 3 to 2.

The opposition is claimed to be due to disinclination on the part of the board to be beholden to a serfet society. The action occasioned much adverse criticism, which culminated to-day in the starting of a petition asking for a reconsideration of the board's action. It is believed that this is the only instance on record of a school board refusing to admit the American flag into the public schools. Similar requests have been made in other cities and have always been granted without hesitation. The school board is composed of three Irishmen, one Welshman and one American.

## IT LEADS IN ALL THINGS.

A Paper That Gives Its Patrons Everything New, Presented in an Attractive Manner.

From the Uniontown Genius of Liberty.] The leading daily newspaper of Western Pennsylvania is THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH. It leads in news and all things which go to make up a first-class daily and weekly, and, as a result, leads in circulation. Regardless of cost, it gives to its readers everything new which is profitable, entertaining and instructive, It is complete in all its departments, and those who peruse its pages will find everything of interest in the news world presented in a most attractive way by the best trained journalists of the country.

Scrunton's Municipal Situation.

SCHANTON, January 22.-The Democrats of this city to-day nominated John Quinan for Mayor, John Gibbons for Treasurer, H. B. Reynolds for Controller, and Jacob Geiger for Assessor. The nominations for Mayor and Controller will hold only in the event of the Supreme Court declaring the municipal act of 1874 unconstitutional at the hearing on Febru-

## DEATHS OF A DAY.

John C. Parker. Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

MEADVILLE, January 22, -John C. Parker, one of the best known citizens of Western Crawford, died to-day of paralysis of the brain at his home at Atlanta. Mr. Parker was a native of Ireland. and served in the English army during the Cri-mean War. He came to America about 1860, and collisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteera serving until the war closed. He was aged 34 years. Mr. Parker re-cently became the possessor of a large sum of money bequeathed by his father, who died re-cently in Ireland.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., January 22.—Hon Erastus Hussey died yesterday, aged 29 years He came to Michigan in 1824 and lived in this city over 50 years. He became a leader of the Liberty over a year.

movement throughout Michigan in 1847-9. Mr. Hussey was a very strong Abolitionist, and had charge of the underground railroad station here. He sheltered and assisted to escape nearly 2,000

Hon. Ernstus Hussey

Mr. Beuben Cramer, an employe of the McIntosh, Hemphili & Co.'s foundry, corner of Thirteenth and Etna streets, dropped dead in the mill yesterday morning. He was in the 56th year of his age and re-ided at the corner of Twenty-second street and Mulberry alley. He leaves a wife and seven children. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of his death.

Mrs. James I. Bennett. Anne E. Bennett. wife of James I. Bennett, the forme r weil-known iron merchant of this city, died early yesterday morning at the family residence. No, il North avegae, Allegheny. The factal services will be held Friday morning at the house.

## THE EIFFEL TOWER.

Fear of Its Falling-Precautious Taken Against Such a Disaster.

Confidence is restored to Paris. It is considered pleasant in the neighborhood of the Champ de Mars to spend 48 hours in doubt whether one is to be buried under the debris of a tower nearly 900 feet high. However, the Eiffel tower can say "I stood;" and the experts say, on the faith of their theodelites, that it is going to stand, unless anything goes wrong hereafter. But while congratulations must be offered to the people who live about the Champ de Mars, sympathy must be extended to the crowds who came together from less menaced quarters—some of them with plumb-lines, just as they would have brought smoked glass to as they would have brought smoked glass to observe an eclipse—to see what the monster was going to do. That the monster did nothing, after all this anticipation, was unfair; and it is probable that its further rise in height will be accompanied by some diminution of popularity. The Parisians forgot that special providence watches over ugly and useless things; and that this is better security even than the theodolites of science. Were it otherwise, we doubt if the explanations of the constructor of the abomination would carry much comfort to those who have to think, not of their neighbors' peril, which of course is nothing, but of their very own.

heir ery own.
We are told that when the Eiffel tower does We are told that when the Eiffel tower does really show symptoms of emulating the tower of Pisa, a hydraulic press of 800 tons power will move complicated machinery concealed in the brick work, which again will remove one or more of the thin plates of steel between the stories, thus throwing the mass back into its perpendicular. Cordially will the neighborhood of the Champ de Mars pray that the hydraulic press will be always ready, and that the complicated machinery will never fall out of gear. If soaring ambition should overbuild itself and fall on the other side, the question will have to be faced as to which side that other is to be; and then even trust in Providence may prove as misleading as in the case dence may prove as misleading as in the case of people who live under avalanches and vol

## JOAQUIN MILLER'S ROMANCE.

Which Will be Published in The Dispatch, Beginning Sunday, February 3.

From the Book World.] Mr. Joaquin Miller, the famous poet of the Sierras, has turned novelist by writing a romance entitled "The Buried River." It is a bold venture beyond the improbable into the impossible, for it deals to some extent with that river which some Californians have conceived as flowing under ground below their mines and bedded in solid gold that has in the ages washed into its waters. In that respect it suggests a Rider Haggard phantasy. But Joaquin Miller is ever a poet, and he has placed an absorbing romance of quite reasonable if unusual love into that environment o strange adventure. It is a work that introduces him powerfully and remarkably into prose fiction, according to a publisher who has read the manuscript. "The Buried River" is one of the series of novels which began with Franklin File's "The Colonel's Cards" and is to be continued with "The Lily of Rochon" by Mr. Maurice Thompson and a story of St. Clair's defeat in Ohio by the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale. The authors share equally the cash income of the joint enterprise, however unequally they may happen to gain the rewards of fame by their contributions. At all events, Poet Miller has made a strong stroke for distinction as a romancer.

# THE POTTERS' ASSOCIATION.

Business Transacted at the Annual Meeting at the Capital City.

Special Telegram to the Dispatch. WASHINGTON, January 22.-The Potters Association held a very short meeting to-day principally on account of the desire of most of the members to attend the session of the Sen ate and listen to the closing discussion on the tariff and witness the taking of the vote. All that was done was to hear the address of the the report of the Secretary. Mr. Alfred Day, of Steubenville, and to appoint committees to re-port upon matters of organization and interest to the trade to-morrow. President Maddock, in his address, dealt particularly on the feasi-bility and necessity of giving more attention to the production of a finer grade of ceramics, and thus cultivating a taste for the industry as an art, and educating the wealthier class of people to the fact that art goods of this charac-Steubenville, and to appoint committees to re

He also urged upon the convention the importance of a better display at the pottery ex-position this year than there was last year. Secretary Day spoke particularly of the condi-tion of the trade, which was stated to be very fair. The importations, however, were reported to be about \$600,000 in excess of the importations of last year. About 35 pottery firms of the United States are represented in the convention. Election of officers, reports of important committees, etc., will come to-morrow, and in the evening a banquet will be held at Willard's Hotel, where most of the members of

### the convention are stopping. CONGER-NOT A CANDIDATE.

He Will Support Asa Bushnell for Governor of Ohio.

Special Telegram to the Dispatch. AKRON, January 22.-Colonel A. L. Conger, of this city. Ohio's Republican National Com mitteeman, just back from calling on General Harrison, says in an interview here to-day that he will not be a candidate for Governor of Ohio before the next Republican Convention He says his large business interests require all his time, and that business and politics do not nix well. It is understood that Colonel Conger will throw his influence in favor of General Asa Bushnell, of Springfield, and that his withdrawal will make the race a close one between Butterworth and Bushnell.

## An Accident in Washington.

From the Chicago News. ] Pedestrian (to Washington policeman) "What is the meaning of the great crowd in the street, officer? Is anybody hurt?" "No; there has been an accident and the street is blockaded, but things will soon be in

"But tell me what has happened?" "Why, you see, Vice President-elect Morton has just met First Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson, and their titles are too long to pass each other on the same thoroughfare. We are trying to induce the first assistant post-master general to resign for haif an hour while we get things into shape."

Progress of the Nicaragua Bill.

WASHINGTON, January 22.-The conferee on the Nicaragua canal bill have agreed. The following House amendments, it is believed, have been dropped or modified: Requiring that 10 per cent. of the capital stock be paid up before any bouds be sold; providing for printing across the face of the bonds of a notice that the United States is not responsible for them, and allowing the United States to fix rates of tolls on the canal.

They Will Have No Help.

LITTLE ROCK, January 22.-To-day the Sen

ate passed the concurrent resolution previously adopted by the House, instructing Senators and requesting Representatives from Arkansas in Congress to use their utmost efforts to defeat the measure known as the Blair educational bill. The resolutions were adopted by a large majority in both houses. Mysterious Horse Malady.

WEST CHESTER, January 22.- A number norses in this section are afflicted with a fatal notes in the section are annexed with a latar maledy. Veterinary surgeons describe it as being a species of spinal meningitis. The throat and neck swell so that the animals cannot eat. In Westtown township, Mr. Frederick Brinton has lost three fine horses, and another is similarly affected.

Two Horseshoes at Ningara. LOCKPORT, January 22.—Another large pie of rock broke loose from the crest of the Horseshoe Falls last night. The contour of the falls now presents a double horseshoe. The smaller one formed by the last displacement is in advance of and to the right of the center of the large horseshoe.

## West Virginia's Gory Politics.

From the Washington Star.] Political excitement in West Virginia is responsible for many severe threats on both sides, and if all that is said comes true, General Goff will take his official cath sword in hand and deiver his inaugural address while standing knee deep in gore.

Gen. Swaim Not Incapacitated. WASHINGTON, January 22.-The report of the Army Retiring Board, appointed to examing Judge Advocate General Swaim for retirement was filed to-day, and has not found him incapacitated for active service.

## AT THE SOCIAL SHRINE.

Mrs. Park Painter's Brilliant Reception and

Several Other Nice Events. One of the most brilliant social events was the reception given by Mrs. Park Painter, of Ridge avenue, Allegheny, yesterday evening. The carriages began to arrive about 8:30 and kept coming until the number of guests had reached fully 200. They were received by their host and hostess, whose assistants for the evening were present in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Painter and Miss Darlington.

The floral decorations, furnished by J. R. Murdoch, were tasteful and varied, tropical plants and ferns were mingled with domestic carnations. Large balls of these latter were suspended above the doorways, while the cur-tains were entirely covered by them and sur-

mounted by festoons of smilax. Six pieces of Gernert & Guenther's orchestra made merry rhythm for the merrier feet, until 10:30, when supper was announced. It was served in the billiard room, by Hagan, who did full justice to the occasion, as did likewise the

guests.
Supper over, the guests dispersed through the various parts of the house; the younger element to again pay tribute to terpsichorean art; others again to indulge in conversation, while again some of the gentlemen enjoyed a quiet hour in the billiard room. Thus the morning hours soon approached, on all too speedy wings. The most prominent society people of both cities were present.

### THE LAWRENCE RECEPTION.

The Lawrence Young Men's Democratic Club Entertains Its Priends.

The Lawrence Young Men's Democratic Club held their first annual reception at Im-perial Hall, corner New Grant and Seventh wenue, last evening, with a large attendance, the Royals and McMichaels furnishing the

A lunch was served in the hall by the club to their friends and their welfare looked after by the following able Committee of Arangements: J. R. Deegan, Chairman; J. F. Schaffer, D. J. Driscoll, H. G. Pilgrim, G. A. Schott, J. Ber-ger, J. Leaby, M. W. Kane, C. Loudermilch and Ed Cook.

## HENDERSON-WRIGHT.

A Quiet Home Wedding on Frankstown Avenue, East Eud, Last Night. Miss Retta J. Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Henderson, of Frankstown avenue, East End, and Mr. Charles A. Wright, the Hiland avenue grocer, were married at the nome of the bride's parents last evening by Rev. C. V. Wilson, of the Emory M. E. Church. The wedding was a quiet one, with just the mediate friends of the family present; after which the bride and groom left on a late train for a tour through the West, previous to settling in their new home in the East End.

The First of a Series. The first of a series of entertainments to be given by the Allegheny Cotillon Club materialized yesterday evening at Cyclorama Hall, Allegheny. The hours were from 8 until 2 and about 75 couples were present. Supper was served by Caterer Luther, and the music was

An Annual Dinner. The annual dinner of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company was given at the works at

Creighton, on the West Penn Railroad, yesterday. About 50 invited guests were present. Speeches were made by the most

### A Junta Gathering. The Junta Club held a meeting at the residence of Mr. Willis King, on Center avenue,

ast evening. A luncheon was served by Hagan.

BAYARD'S SAMOAN VIEWS.

The Secretary of State Talks of the Recent Trouble. WASHINGTON, January 22.-The dispatches from London and Berlin in regard to Samoan affairs, published in this morning's newspapers, were shown to Secretary Bayard, at the State on the subject. His attention was specially invited to the statements that "Germany has come to a definite understanding with the United States with regard to Samoa," and in

"Of course I expect Germany to live up to

her honorable engagements with the United States. I have no right to think otherwise. But you must know that these are matters I do not care to discuss in the newspapers." When asked in regard to the policy of this Government he referred the questioner to the President's message to Congress of the 15th inst., and quoted from his letter to the German Minister, dated the 12th inst., and which was recently published, as expressing his own views on the subject. The Secretary also alluded to on the subject. The Secretary also alluded to the agreement entered into between Great Britain and Germany in April, 1886, defining the boundaries of English and German do-minions in the West Pacific ocean, in which it is specifically declared that the Samoan islands is specifically declared that the Samoan Islands are neutral territory. The United States, he explained, has no joint treaty with either England or Germany in regard to the neutrality of Samoa. Therefore, if Germany has interfered with the neutrality of that country, she has not broken a treaty with the United States, but has broken one with Great Britain.

OUR MINIATURE NAVY. The Part It is Playing in Protecting Ameri

can Interests. WASHINGTON, January 22.—The Ossipee ha been ordered to proceed without further delay to Aspinwall for the protection for American interests on the Isthmus. This vessel is now at Kingston, Jamaica. She towed the steamer Haytien Republic from Portan-Prince to that port. Her departure for Aspinwall will leave the United States unrepresented by a war vessel in Haytian waters until the arrival of the sel in Haytian waters until the arrival of the Atlanta, which sailed from New York Sunday

## Russia's Exclusiveness.

From the Washington Star.] The latest census and year-book from Russi reveals a remarkable fact in the official state-ment that out of a population of 108,000,000 but 724,878 Russians crossed the frontiers of the country going or coming. The exclusivenes ferences in civilization between the two con

### tries that of Russia is the most wonderful FOLLY AS IT FLIES

BOM THE PEN OF THE BOSTON POET PHILO PHER.

"Fortune knocks once at each man's door." This we're inclined to doubt: Or if she ever knocked at ours We certainly were out. HOW PLEASANT. How pleasant now to sit beside

The parlor stove
And press the maiden's Hiy hand
And talk of love. The hours swift winged unnoticed glide, And every care has fied, Until her mother shouts downstairs, You—Jane—come up to bed!

THE FLOOR WALKER. Prom Arctic regions comes the blast; The nights are bitter cold, Unhappy is the man who has A baby three months old! Oft when the night is at its noon He walks the bedroom floor. A cloud of gloom is on his brow, A sad, sad man is he: He knows that happy bachelors

Strange things we observe Is always "put out." The sober of mind

CURIOUS THINGS.

Are snoring peacefully.

The merchant has sunk. And not the least strange Of things of this sort: Occasions arise
When tall men are short SHOULD IT BE ALLOWED

The woman who carries A dog in the cars. If she is pretty we must Give our seat up to her, Each time she caresses His rough, hairy face, How we wish for the time

That we were in his place

Much swearing she causes, Much comfort she mars;

GREAT GOTHAM'S GOSSIP.

Caught in a Small Corner.

INEW TORK BUREAU SPECIALS.] NEW YORK, January 22.-Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, editor and proprietor of the Mail and Express, addressed 200 Methodist ministers on the Sunday question yesterday afternoon. He spoke for an hour and a quarter against Sunday concerts, Sunday newspapers, Sunday stages and Sunday exhibitions. He told how hard he had worked all along to suppress Sunday desecration in New York. At the con-clusion of Editor Shepard's remarks, which were enthusiastically applauded, the Rev. George Lansing Taylor, D. D., D. C. L., poet and divine, arose with much dignity and great impressiveness. He said he was a subscriber to the Mail and Express, and was accustomed

to read the paper every evening with great avidity and much interest. "But," said the Rev. Dr. Taylor, laying great emphasis on the word. Every minister thereupon straightened himself up and craned his neck to catch what was coming. "But," re-peated the reverend gentleman, "there is one question that I want to ask Editor Shepard, and that is why he devotes every evening a col-

umn to horse racing in his paper?"

This was a stunner. The ministers applauded most heartily, and shouts of "Good!" and "Hear!" and similar expressions were heard in

every part of the room.

The confusion lasted several minutes. Colonel Shepard was the picture of despair. After a dead pause of two minutes more Colonel Shepard got up and replied that he published a sporting column in the interest of Christianity By publishing sporting news he thought he could induce sporting men to buy his paper and read the sermons and moral editorials

which appeared in other columns.

Colonel Shepard did not make this explana tion very glibly, and when he sat down no one applauded. Colonel Shepard's address was not in his great religious daily this afternoon, although heretofore all his speeches have appeared in it verbatim.

'Twas Not Mary's Own Article. It is reported that Miss Mary Anderson did not write the article over her name in the last North American Review. She merely signed

t. She is sorry because Mrs. Langtry and Mrs. Potter have been offended by its severe strictures upon society leaders who try to be-come actresses in a day. The story is that Miss Anderson has explained to Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Langtry, through a common friend, that she did not write the article, but merely allowed her name to be used. She signed the article after only a hasty glance at the proofs. The sentences that have caused so much trouble Miss Anderson understood to refer to stag-struck young women of social rank. Miss Anderson, if the story is true, will probably think twice before she again lends her name to

A Babe Saves a Number of Lives. Baby Williams, 6 months old, saved a whole house full of persons from being roasted alive this morning. A defective flue set fire to the

house of Williams' family, shortly after midnight. When the baby awoke the bedroom was full of smoke. Her eyes smarted so that she aroused 12 other tenants. All escaped in their nightelothes. The house was burned down.

Importing a Pauper Reporter. William O'Connor Laughlin, with his wife and four children, was detained at Castle Gar-den to-day. Mr. Laughlin is a newspaper reporter of Belfast, Ireland, and had only \$5 in his possession when he arrived in the Servia. yesterday. Major J. B. Pond will endeavor to have Mr. Laughlin released. Laughlin acted as Pond's agent when Henry Ward Beecher was

Another Man Going After Stanley. Victor Beaumont, better known as "Wild Horse Charlie," is selling out his business in Newburgh, preparatory to going to Africa in search of Stanley. He expects to reach Suakim on the British steamship Minora, to proceed to Burba by rail, and then strike off into the jungle with a few followers. He thinks he can find Stanley and get back to New York within two years. He refuses to tell who is sending him, "Wild Horse Charlie" has seen active service in the British army, and has held a commission in the navy. He was with the British troops in Ashantee, when

young Prince Napoleon was killed. He is about 40 years old and wears cowboy costume. A Centenarian Lost in Harley George Lynch, 102 years old, got lost in Har-

lem yesterday. The police took him to a station house and advertised him this morning. At noon his son Patrick, 75 years old, called for His Beard Cut Off by a Woman. Israel Leitsky has had Mrs. Gough arrested for cutting off his beard. He tried to sell a pair

of suspenders in her saloon this morning. She felt insulted. She caught him by the beard, and, while her husband held him, cut it off close to the chin. Leitsky charges her with robbery and assault. She will be tried to-morrow Through America to Japan. The wife and son of Lord Napier, British

Ambassador to Japan, arrived here on the steamship Servia yesterday. After a few days they will start for San Francisco, where they will take a steamship for Yokohama on Febru-

No Money Could Save His Life. Max Shillak, 22 years old, ate nothing and drank wine all yesterday. Last night, on a vager, he drank two bottles of champagne in quick succession. He then fell to the floor in a stupor. The doctor who was called said he would die soon of alcoholic poisoning. The boy's father, a saloonkeeper, offered the doctor \$2,000 to save his son's life. At 3 o'clock

### this morning young Shillak died. NEW NATURALIZATION LAW.

An Important Change Proposed Existing Requirements. WASHINGTON, January 22-Mr. Oates' sub-Committee on Naturalization to-day reported to the Judiciary Committee of the Ho bill which it had prepared in lieu of all others amendatory of the naturalization laws. The provisions of the bill, briefly stated, are a requirement that an alien must reside five years in the United States before he can become a

in the United States before he can become a citizen; that at the expiration of that time he must appear in court and prove his residence, good moral character and fitness for citizenship, and in the case of a United States court, notice of his intention must be served upon the representative of the United States, and likewise in the case of a State court, the representative of the State Government must be notified and attend the hearing.

The present requirement of a declaration of intention to become a citizen is dispensed with. The bill was ordered to be printed, and will be discussed at next Saturday's session. The views that were expressed this morning apdiscussed at next Saturday's session. The views that were expressed this morning ap-peared to indicate favorable disposition of the bill.

The Quick and the Dead. From the Chicago News.] A Philadelphia grand jury has indicted a dead man. It is sometimes hard to tell the dif-

THE WORKING WORLD. THE city electric lighting plant of Topeka, Kan., is burning petroleum for its steam fuel instead of coal, as heretofore,

MANCHESTER, Mo., is a booming manufact

machinists there. It has a number of big industrial concerns, and others are constantly being established. ACCORDING to the Scientific American me chanics can give steel tools a hardness like that of the diamond by plunging them when white

hot into sealing wax, repeating the operation until the steel is too cold to enter the wax. The tool should be then just touched with oil of THE leading labor organizations all over the country are making unusual endeavors this winter to secure the passage of certain labor measures by the various State Legislatures, One of the things especially desired is the passage of an emplo er's liability act modeled

A CALIFORNIA machinist who has been experimenting for years with a view to fin ling some means of preserving exposed from work, has discovered that when surfaces are coated with finely ground lead, thinned with spirits of turpentine no corro-ive action or scaling takes the thin mixture of turpentine and white lead closes the "very pores of the Iron." Common paint mixed with oil is too thick, as "the inter-stices, to so call them, are too minute to re-ceive the body which oil gives, but are closed by a thinner compound."

## CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Contrabund liquor, valued at \$42,500, is the hands of the Sheriff at Burlington, Iawa. -A white weasel was killed in the cellar of the Hudson, N. Y., Opera House the other

-At Hawkinsville, Ga., a spread has just

been finished in which 16,577 yards of thread were used. -Owing to the failure of the rice crop in

Corea the Government has prohibited the ex--A stone crab was exhibited at Charlotte

Harbor, Fla., this week, whose claw measured inches in circumference. -A block of fir wood was recently received at Portland, Ore., that was cut from a tree which was 150 feet high to the first limb. -The skeleton of a mastodon has been unearthed in California. It is 30 feet long, and has tusks between six and seven feet in length.

-Persons who go through the streets of

Alexandrin, Va., singing or whistling after 10 o'clock at night can be arrested for disorderly -The disastrous floods of the past two years in Georgia are attributed to the wholesale lestruction of forests at the headwaters of the rivers affected.

-T. J. Summers, of Americus, Ga., drew

something of a curiosity out of his well the other day. It looked like an eel, except it had four legs and web feet. -A Lewiston man has invented a device for stopping runaway horses. It blinds the animal by clapping something over his eyes. The mechanism operates from the driver's seat.

-People do not appear to take as much tock in lightning rods as they formerly did. There are now only three lightning rod factories in the country against 98 a few years ago. -The Texas Census Bureau has estimated returns showing the population of Texas in, January, 1887, to have been, in round numbers 2,025,000, an increase of 2614 per cent since 1880. -In the corner-stone of the DeSoto

county, Florida, Court House, the arcadians propose to store away, with ceremonies, the names of the "chronic kickers" of the county. -C. R. Herr, of Stamford, N. Y., is said o be the possessor of the gold watch which Major Andre, of revolutionary fame, offered as a ransom to his captors if they would let him go free.

-A gentleman of Americus, Ga., took ossession of a piece of property the other day that has been in suit for about ten years. It has gone through all of the courts, in all of which he gained it. -Imported tobacco now finds a ready sale in Japan and, according to native journals,

there has of late been some difficulty in meeting

the demand. In consequence in some loca prices have advanced 10 per cent. -Fewer passenger conductors have been discharged from the Missouri Pacific road, it is said, than from any other railroad in the West. Many of the conductors in the road's service have been with it from the start. -A Port Jervis, N. Y., man got clear of

a charge of robbing a clothes line at Middle-

town, one day this week, by saying he was pulling the clothes from the line with the in-tention of making himself a bed on the ground. -The people of Portland, Ore., are taking steps to induce the Legislature to establish a vast park in the Cascade Mountains. It is designed to have the park include Mount Hood and Crater Lake, which would make it a for-midable rival of Yellowstone Park.

-A recent English investigation shows that with men over 25 years of age the intemperate use of alcoholic beverages cuts off years from life. Also that occasional indulg-ence, if carried to excess, doubles diseases of the liver, quadruples diseases of the kidneys, and greatly increases deaths from pneumonia. pleurisy and epilepsy. -The remarkable result of a tidal wave in the province of Baunam, Java, has been a great increase of tigers. The land laid waste

cover to the tigers, which became so daring and numerous that whole villages have had to be abandoned. Last year tigers killed no less than 61 persons there. To remedy the evil the Government of Java has raised the reward -An original sign adorns a brick building in Brunswick, Ga. The first floor of the building is used for a negro restaurant, the proprietor of which announced his intention of serving hot meals to hungry sons of Ham, by

soon relapsed into a jungle affording welcome

painting on one side of the sign these words:
"Her Hoys is hot Meals," while on the other is:
"Cominandse fo yo self." It is presumed that
he wanted it to read: "Here, boys, is hot meals; come in and see for yourselves. -Richard West, of Kingston, N. C., was out the other day with his sweetheart horseback riding, when her horse became frightened and ran at great speed. The young man spurred his horse and soon overtook her, and calling out for her to loose her foot from the stirrup, in an instant, while both horses were running at breakneck speed, he caught her about the waist and snatched her from im-minent danger. When he had stopped his horse the young lady was completely overcome

with fright, -A gentleman who lives near Albany, Ga., had not received his paper regularly. The gentleman wrote to the editor of the paper complaining, and received in reply a letter saying that Uncle Sam had been enjoying Christing that Uncle Sam had been enjoying Christmas, and probably that accounted for the irregularity of the mail. The letter was read to the postmaster at the place where the complainant lived, who, as it happened, was named Sam, and as he was quite old was sometimes called Uncle Sam. When the letter had been finished the postmaster, with tears springing to his eyes, said: "Yes, I had been drinking the day that man was here, and he smelled it on mej I know he did, and he's a preacher, too, I wouldn't have that happen for anything." This was a clear case of mistaken identity.

-A man in Ansonia, Ct., owns and lives in a house that overlooks a large clock. Unfortunately, however, the man thinks he cannot see the clock from his chamber window, as a brick chimney intervenes. To obviate this and have the pleasure of looking to see the time of day or night while in bed (for the clock time of day or night while in bed (for the clock has an illuminated dial), he one day bored a hole through the walls of his bedroom, close to the head of his bed, inserted a piece of two-inch gas pipe with a glass in the outer end, and now all he has to do is to place his eye at the inner opening and he has a focus upon the clock without leaving his bed. His friends asked him, when this was completed, why he did not have a clock in his room, instead of being to so much trouble. And for the first time it dawned upon him that it would have been as well.

ODDITY OF THE SEASON. It must seem strange, whene'er it snows He cannot help make tracks. The Still Sow Gets the Draff.-Friendon't your boys worry you with their noise? Patient Mother-A little, but then you know

Found Him Out .- Smith - I've been studying Jones for a long time, but I've found Brown-How did you find him out? S.—I went to his house to collect a bill he owe me, and found him out.—Soston Courier.

when they are making a noise they aren't in mis

chief.-Boston Courier

I see, is going up again.
Young Wife—Never mind, George, we need not buy it. We can buy baker's bread, instead. Beside, it saves the trouble of baking .- Bos A Question of Form.-Yallerby-Huh! I kain't see, Mose Johnsing, why yo' wear a striped shirt at dis time o' year. "Tain't good

True Enough .- Young Husband-Flour,

Johnson-Good fawm! What can a niggah know about good fawm who has to wear meal-bag trousers 'cause he kain't get his feet through any others?-Judge. The Mother's Joke -- Mother-I would

not put too much faith in Miss Pert, John. Son-Why not? She's all right. M. - Don't you think she's a little flighty, apt to sange, like a weathercock? S .- No. What makes you think she's like a eathereock?

M.—Because she's a little valu.—Hoston Courier.

LIKE AND UNLIKE SUGAR. Two things that average sugar has a heroine should command, Namely—a sweet and melting way and also lots of And, having these, 'tis safe to bet that, on the other hand, On such a heroine there will be no flies, you un-

Rather Durable.-Carpet-dealer - Yes, adame; that's a fine stair carpet, and very dura

bfe.
Woman—Will it last well?
Carpet-dealer—Madame. 14 years ago I sold that
earpet to a woman and she used it 10 years steady.
Woman—Then did she throw it away?
Carpet-dealer—No. Madam, I should say not.
For the last four years her boy has worn it for
everyday pants.—Fudge.